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During lengthy commission meeting

Citizens address several issues

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Oct. 27, involved several requests from citizens to address commissioners concerning a variety of issues.

Rolanda Jones, the Human Resources Development Corporation's Coffee County community coordinator for the Enterprise and New Brockton area, was the first to address the board. She also introduced Dottie Strickland, community coordinator for the Elba and Kinston areas.

Jones said HRDC will celebrate its 30th Anniversary next year, and she wanted to update the commission on its many purposes.

She said the organization is best known for its utility bill reprieve program and its food closet. However, she said the organization also serves as a referral system for those in need.

"We are there for everybody in the county," Jones said. "If we can't help them, we find someone who can."

Next, commissioners entertained a request from Glenn Reader, a representative of the 10 Commandments committee, to waive the insurance requirement for renting the farm center.

Reader said his group will sponsor a 10 Commandments Rally on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Center.

He said he believes those who will attend the event will act accordingly and be peaceful with this activity, therefore, he asked the commission to consider waiving the insurance requirement.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion with a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook to waive the insurance requirement. The motion passed with all commissioners voting in favor except commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks who each

abstained from the vote.

William Nunez requested the commission waive the rental fee for the use of the farm center concerning an event the Latinos International will be sponsoring. Nunez said the New Brockton Fire Department will receive approximately 70-80 percent of the proceeds from this event.

"Every penny we can save will improve the check for them (fire department)," he said.

Commissioner Stephens offered a motion to waive the rental fee. He received a second from commissioner Brooks, and the motion passed by a 5-2 vote. Commissioners Dalrymple and Jim Thompson cast the opposing votes.

County resident Jerrel Reynolds addressed commissioners concerning an issue he has with a cross drain on County Road 641.

Reynolds said his problem resulted from the widening of County Road 641. He said he was approached a few years ago by commissioner Dalrymple to donate some land for the widening. When deeds were presented to him, Reynolds said he asked that a drainage pipe be removed to equalize the water and relieve his property from road drainage.

After speaking with county engineer Randy Trindell, he said Dalrymple assured him the problem would be fixed. However, Reynolds said the pipe was recently re-installed.

Therefore, he asked the commission to either have the pipe

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NB Town Council temporarily changes monthly meeting date

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a routine meeting Monday evening, Oct. 20, but voted to change the day in which it will hold meetings each month for the remainder of the current term of office.

With an unanimous vote, the council voted to temporarily change the monthly meetings from the first Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month. Also, the working group sessions will change to the fourth Monday of each month.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole said this change only involves the current term of office.

Police Chief Boyd Hartzog updated council members on

some cost effective changes he has in mind for his department.

Hartzog said he has disconnected several "800" radio numbers which should save the town a few hundred dollars. Also, he said by the first of November, the night shift will be dispatched by the Elba Police Department.

With this change, the chief said he will be able to take some cellular telephones out of vehicles and save the town about \$150 per month.

He discussed selling a bunch of old equipment including a Chevrolet patrol car and an old Dodge truck used by the street department through GovDeals.com on the Internet.

As for the patrol cars currently being used by the police department, Hartzog said these are in pretty good shape, and each is now on a regular maintenance schedule.

Finally, Hartzog said any overtime and/or purchase of equipment has to be approved in advance by him. He said any equipment ordered without his approval will result in the person placing the order also having to pay for that item.

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REMINDER

The Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. In case of an emergency, contact the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5559.



HOMECOMING BONFIRE HELD. Members of the Elba Fire Department watched over the bonfire set in celebration of Elba High School's homecoming last week. The annual Homecoming bonfire/pep rally was held Thursday evening, Oct. 30, behind Miller Memorial Stadium. Those shown keeping an eye on the flames while enjoying the activities were (from left) George Homyak, Dennis Manning, Catina Manning, Michael Spurlin and Mike Tindell.

Agriculture and industry come together for Farm City Swap

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Agriculture and industry compared notes Thursday, Oct. 9, as representatives from each participated in Coffee County's 2003 Farm City Swap in Elba.

Dorsey Trailers lead man Chriss Street and local farmer Dennis Smith stepped into one another's office for the event and got to see firsthand how each spends a day at work.

The swap began at Smith Farms where Street spent some time inside a John Deere tractor

before getting a lesson on Brangus cows.

In the afternoon, Smith took action as he got educated on the many steps involved in building a trailer.

Although the two operations differ greatly in many ways, both Street and Smith admitted there also are similarities. The men agreed that whether a person works on the farm or in a manufacturing plant, there is a great deal of time and dedication involved in delivering the product.

The Farm City Swap is only one of many events held in conjunction with Coffee County's Farm City Week each year.

The overall purpose of Farm City Week is to allow people involved in both agriculture and industry an opportunity to learn more about the other.

The annual Coffee County Farm City Banquet is set for Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Coffee County Farm Center. Guests will be treated to dinner, entertainment and an awards ceremony.



Coffee County Farmer Dennis Smith (standing) looks on while Dorsey Trailers CEO Chriss Street waves from inside the John Deere tractor he tested during the recent Farm City Swap.

Griswold attends school finance training

Annette Griswold, a member of the Coffee County Board of Education, attended the Alabama Association of School Boards' conference Oct. 19-20 in Montgomery.

The conference was designed to help school board members and superintendents more clearly understand education funding in the state and how to make the most effective budget decisions.

The conference was led by a variety of school funding experts, and the education leaders were trained on new rules

from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, including accounting procedures to prepare them for changes involving audit findings and how to ensure sound financial practices for their schools.

Griswold has been a school board member since 2000, and, along with other conference participants, earned credit for attending the conference.

The Alabama Association of School Boards represents all the state's local school boards.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will conduct its quarterly board meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., at the county office complex in New Brockton.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will conduct its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. from the board of education office located at 400 Reddoch Hill Rd. in Elba.

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS begin Friday, Nov. 7. The Brantley Bulldogs will be the only area team in action as it plays host to the A.L. Johnson Eagles. All playoff games begin at 7 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will conduct its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will conduct its regular monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. from the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The picture below should be ample warning to all our hunting and fishing friends. These two rattlesnakes (mother and child) were killed Saturday morning by an outdoorsman who was casual about it, but should count himself lucky. . . he saw the snakes before the vipers got to him and in time to kill the both of them. Even though the smaller one is classified "baby", it still has the ability to inject poison into a person if those fangs penetrate the skin.

Work is progressing on the levee rehab. While there are still several roads closed, Elba citizens can expect them to begin opening up again in a couple of weeks. The new flood gate has been installed at the Caroline Street crossing, making this one of the first to get reopened. Just a little touch up work and repaving the area and that one will be finished. The Kinston Highway gate should be installed soon, putting it just behind Caroline Street. Troy Highway is not getting a flood gate, but the build up to levee level is almost complete and repaving will also complete that one shortly. What can be described as a "mess" on Jackson Street can easily make us wonder if anyone can ever return that back to passable conditions! Seriously, believe it or not, that one is also progressing favorably.

There were very few surprised people Monday when the U. S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of the Alabama 10 Commandments monument case of Judge Roy Moore. We also doubt the decision changed the mind of a single American citizen as most who will have an opinion have long since done so and people are by now either for . . . or against the monument being on public display. More accurately it is for or against the freedom to display a (translucence to any) religious icon in a public building. This issue will be in the news a long, long time and political hay will be cut and baled continuously on either side.

The Newspaper in Education feature this week features President Harry Truman. We got a special kick out of this one because of our respect for old Harry and the fact the article referred to David McCollough, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of a Truman book we have read completely at least twice . . . and might read again.

A Bus Driver's Prayer

Please, Lord, watch over me this day. Please help me remember to watch all five mirrors, two dozen windows, eight gauges, six warning lights, six dozen faces, three lanes of traffic and to keep a third eye open for wobbling bicycles and day-dreaming pedestrians, especially teenagers wearing headsets who are in another world.

Please, Lord, help me hear all

train whistles, truck and automobile horns, police sirens, and the two-way radio.

Please, Lord, give me a hand for the gear lever, the steering wheel, the route book, the radio microphone and the turn-signal lever.

And, Lord, please grant me the self-control to keep my hands away from Johnny's neck. And one more thing, dear

Lord, please don't let Mary be sick all over the bus. And finally, Lord, please watch over us all so that we can do it again next year.

Amen.

Remember
Our Veterans
on Tuesday,
Nov. 11th!!!!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one manufacturing a controlled substance, one domestic violence, one harassment, one reckless endangerment, one possession of a gambling device, one domestic dispute, one harassing communications and one animal bite.

The following arrests were made: one for criminal mischief, one for manufacturing a controlled substance, one for domestic violence and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for no insurance, two for running a stop sign and two for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCT. 27 - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1025 N. Drayton St. (10:52 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 30 - Prowler reported at 14055 Hwy. 84 E. (3:49 a.m.); River stage - 5.40 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (10:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a house fire on County Rd. 107 (4:46 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 - River stage - 5.21 feet (6:04 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1700 Lower Curtis Rd., Bldg. B (5:43 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 1 - Wreck reported on County Rd. 410 (2:28 a.m.); River stage - 4.95 feet (6:51 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle overturned) reported on Hwy. 84 W. (1:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W. to stand-by for Mast unit (2:15 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire at 299 County Rd. 363 (5:45 p.m.); Loud music reported near 329 Brunson Circle (11:53 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 2 - River stage - 4.74 feet (6:16 a.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, NOV. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

Domestic disturbance reported at 14651 Hwy. 87 S. (7:15 p.m.); Alarm activated at 5569 County Rd. 64 (11:13 p.m.).

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TUESDAY, NOV. 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

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THURSDAY, NOV. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

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SATURDAY, NOV. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

MONDAY, NOV. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1110 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:04 a.m.); Wreck reported on Alabama 203 Bypass near Young World Daycare (6:58 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. next to Dairy Queen (2:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 87-N. (3:45 p.m.).



Bessie Ward is shown enjoying the beautiful, flowering Bougainvilleas that she grew in her yard this year.

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removed or give him his land back.

With this, commissioner Stephens offered a motion with a second from commissioner Westbrook to set the beginning salary for a deputy who has completed his/her certification upon hiring at \$9.55 per hour.

The motion passed by unanimously.

Next, Moates recognized Wayne Grantham, city clerk for the City of Elba, and said the city has provided the county with dispatching services for two and a half years at no cost. He said the city is requesting the county reimburse it for the county's part in the dispatching services.

Moates said a proposal from the City of Elba indicates 40 percent of the dispatching services are for the county which equates to approximately \$81,498 per year. In the city's request, Moates said it is asking for \$60,000 per year for the services (\$5,000 per month).

City officials reminded commissioners that the E-911 services and deputy dispatching services are two different things.

Commissioner Stephens offered a motion to amend the sheriff's budget to fund this service for one year. He received a second from commissioner Brooks.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley then offered a motion to table this matter so all options can be looked to possibly save the county some money. He suggested checking with the Enterprise Police Department or

Hunter Education Course
Offered at LBWCC-MacArthur

The Alabama Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College November 3, 4, 5, 6. The course will be held in the Conference Center Building from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each night. This will be a four-day course.

In 1991, the Alabama Legislature passed a law that requires all first time hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977 to complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing their first hunting license. Alabama is one of 49 states that has a mandatory hunter education program. The goal of the Hunter Education Program is to make Alabama hunters more responsible and more knowledgeable about wildlife conservation.

The Hunter Education Course

Huntingdon announces open house for prospective students and their parents

Huntingdon College invites high school and transfer students and their families to visit the campus for Huntingdon Host Day, a free open house program, on Saturday, November 15, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Flowers Hall. Huntingdon Host Day includes campus tours, the opportunity to meet students, staff, and faculty, financial aid and scholarship application information, and lunch in the dining hall.

Huntingdon College is a community of faith and wisdom preparing skilled leaders to serve a new world. Celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2004, Huntingdon serves the United Methodist Church and the Southeast. The college's enrollment consistently represents 24 states and more than 10 countries. Huntingdon's liberal arts curriculum provides students the basis for discovering their talents, interests, and strengths, and for finding what they are called to do with their lives. The college's unique Huntingdon Plan provides a laptop computer for each student's use, and opportunities for travel/study within regular educational costs. Located in the historic Old Cloverdale residential neighborhood of Montgomery, the college is listed among U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" and the Princeton Review's "The Best Southeastern Colleges."

Reservations for the November Host Day at Huntingdon or other personal visit appointments can be made

by contacting the College's admissions office at (334) 833-4497 or 1-800-763-0313; email: admiss@huntingdon.edu; web: www.huntingdon.edu.

have the county handle its own dispatching.

This motion received a second from commissioner Dalrymple and passed with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Thompson, Grimsley, Dalrymple and Jessie Lewis voted in favor of tabling.

Finally, Dr. Roy Sanderson addressed the commission regarding his pharmacy business and supplying medications for the inmates at the Coffee County Jail.

Sanderson said the process his company takes relieves liability off the correction officers in handling the medications since the meds come prepackaged.

He said any prescription received by 4 p.m. will be ready by the next morning, and his company is usually 10-15 percent cheaper than the normal drug store.

Sanderson said the prescriptions are faxed to his company and UPS delivers the next morning. He also said Houston, Dale and Henry counties are among those already using this process.

Commissioner Dalrymple offered a motion with a second from commissioner Grimsley to study this and come back at a later time for a decision. This motion passed unanimously.

Microsoft Word will be taught at Enterprise college

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's special interest workshop, Microsoft Word-Level 1, will teach you to turn your computer into a word processor. Students learn how to create a basic document and insert clip art using the basic elements of the Microsoft Word software.

Prior experience using a computer would be helpful. You must bring a 3.5" disk. There is a \$35.00 fee for the workshop, and the registration deadline is November 25. The workshop is scheduled for Dec. 2 and 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For information, call 334-347-2623, ext. 2234.

Mobile school offers special preview day on Saturday the 15th

High school seniors and their parents interested in learning about the University of Mobile, a private Christian university in south Alabama, are invited to attend a special Fall Preview Day on Saturday, Nov. 15.

HS Seniors who attend the preview day are eligible for up to \$750 in scholarships when they enroll for fall semester 2004. To attend the event, call the UM Office of Admissions at (251) 442-2273 or email admission@umobile.edu.

UM offers 42 areas of study through the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of business, education, leadership development, nursing and religion. New programs include the Center for Performing Arts, a major in worship leadership, and in sports management.

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Obituaries

DARWENT GEORGE BLUE

Mr. Darwent George Blue, age 80, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Elba, died Oct. 3, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 2003 at Taylor Funeral Home in Chicago, Ill. with Rev. Nathaniel George officiating. The burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Chicago, with Taylor Funeral Home of Chicago directing.

Survivors include his wife, Adelaide Blue, three sons, Edward L. Blue, Jr., Kenneth Earl and Ronald Dewayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Victor Sudduth; one sister, Sylvia Terrell; two

brothers, Edward Blue and Clifford Earl Blue; and three grandchildren.

CHARLES BURON KELLEY

Mr. Charles Buron Kelley, age 76, of Enterprise, and formerly of Elba, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, at Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, after a brief illness.

Graveside services and burial were held Nov. 5, 2003, at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating, and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a brother, James Walter Kelley, Elba; sis-

ters-in-law: Mary Kelley, Elba; and Merlene Kelley, Enterprise; nephews: Michael D. Kelley, Oshkosh, Wis.; Edward L. Kelley Jr., Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; and Russell L. Kelley, Elton, Okla.; nieces: Glenda Kelley Janczewski, Ft. Walton, Fla.; Rebecca Kelley O'Heron, Ozark; and Patricia Kelley Borinski, Pace, Fla.

Mr. Kelley was preceded in death by his parents, W.S. and Ludie Kelley, and brothers, Edward L. Kelley, Sr. and G. Hubert Kelley.

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Enterprise Shipping Center
NOV. 7-13

I - BROTHER BEAR (PG)
SAS 2:15-7 & 9 - Mon-Fri - 7 & 9

II - ELF (PG)
Stars FR1 NOV 7
SAS 2:15-7 & 9 - M-F 7:10 & 9:15

Westside Center
NOV. 7-13

III - RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13)
SAS 2 & 7 - M-F 7 ONLY

TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE (R)
SAS 9:30 ONLY - M-F 9:30 ONLY

IV - RADIO (PG)
M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

College Cinema - College Plaza
NOV. 7-13

I - THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (R)
M-F 7 & 9:35 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:35

No Paws - No Wed. Night Discounts
STARTED WED. NOV. 5

II - SCARY MOVIE 3 (PG-13)
M-F 7:10 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7:10 & 9:15

III - THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (R)
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AREA NEWS

EOCC to hold annual Career Day

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will hold its annual Career Fair on Thursday, November 6, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Lolly Hall's Gymnasium. In addition to the College's students and area high school students, the public is invited to talk with representatives from over 80 businesses and industries about careers in various fields. For more information call Dr. Betty Cully at 334-347-2623, ext. 2297.

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Kinston High School Volleyball team is runner-up in state play-offs

By Chris Piland

Every year the last week in October finds the State's High School volleyball regional winners and runner-ups competing in the Elite 8. It's a venue to determine who's the best of the best in IA through 6A. This year it's also a place where you'll find 11 seniors and 1 junior from a small rural school in the southwest corner of Coffee County. It never fails, someone always asks, "Kinston? Where is Kinston?"

Kinston began pool play eight o'clock Thursday morning against Region B runner-up Isabella. In game one, of the best of three, Isabella got out to a 10-6 lead before Kinston took over. With Hillary Sumblin at the serving line, Kinston tied the score at 10. The Lady Mustangs could not capitalize and earned only one point before turning the ball back over to Kinston. Crystal Weeks took over and Kinston padded it's lead to 17-11. Isabella chipped in two more points before Megan Piland got in on the serving action and saw the Lady Dawgs to match point. Kinston went on to win game

one 25-15. Game two saw the two teams swapping points until Piland came to the line with the score at 11-12. Isabella Kinston stepped up it's play and pushed the score to 18-12 Kinston. However, Isabella got on a run of their own, scoring 9 unanswered points and eventually winning game two 25-21. Kinston turned the tables in game three and won 15-9. Both teams played hard but strong backrow play from players like Ashley Rushing with 22 digs, Sumblin with 15, Bridgett Marlowe 13, Haley Kilcrease 12, passing to Piland and Sumblin with 10 and 9 assists respectively, who fed Samantha Wambles with 9 kills, Marlowe 7, Mandi Loupe, Sumblin and Piland each getting 4 hits of their own, combined with serving aces of 5 from Piland, 3 Marlowe, and 1 from Kilcrease and Sumblin, put Kinston in the win column.

Ten o'clock rolled around with Kinston facing Marion County, Region D runner up. This match saw all of the Kinston players getting in on the fun. Leading the team in aces was Megan Piland with 5, followed by Crystal Weeks 3, with Ashley Moore, Megan King, Hillary Sumblin and Bridgett Marlowe getting 1 apiece. Kills were Marlowe 6, Sumblin and Mandi Loupe 4 each, Samantha Wambles 3 and Piland 1. Backrow play had Piland with 15 digs followed by Ashley Rushing 14, King 6, Sumblin 6, Marlowe 5, Moore and Haley Kilcrease 3 apiece, Kasie Kelley and Wambles 1 each. Sumblin and Piland had 9 and 6 assists respectively with net play provided by Marika Johnson. Kinston again added another one to the win column by winning game one 25-11 and game two 25-14.

Kinston had to wait until 1 p.m. to face tournament favorite Addison. Addison brought a record of 63-9 into the tournament and put all that experience to use as they defeated Kinston 25-7, 25-8. Kinston ended the day as runner-up in pool one behind Addison, and as it would turn out, Addison would be the only team to win over the Lady Dawgs.

Leading the team in digs was Hillary Sumblin with 9 followed by Ashley Rushing 7, Samantha



2003 Kinston High School Volleyball Team

Wambles 4, Haley Kilcrease 4, Megan Piland 3, and Bridgett Marlowe 3. Mandi Loupe and Crystal Weeks tied as high scorers with 2 apiece, with Piland, Sumblin, Wambles, and Marlowe each hitting 1. Kinston started it all over again Friday, except the rules had changed, you lose today, you go home, no trophy, nothing, nothing but the experience Kinston had spent the morning watching and cheering on court. Kinston started it all over again Friday, except the rules had changed, you lose today, you go home, no trophy, nothing, nothing but the experience Kinston had spent the morning watching and cheering on court. Kinston started it all over again Friday, except the rules had changed, you lose today, you go home, no trophy, nothing, nothing but the experience Kinston had spent the morning watching and cheering on court.

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Saturday morning, Nov. 1, 2003, Pelham Civic Center, Pelham AL, more people now know where Kinston is, they also know it has and still does produce good volleyball teams. The Kinston Lady Dawgs, a team where no one is over 5'10" faces the Lady Dawgs of Ashley Rushing had 27 digs, followed by Marlowe 18, Piland 5, Sumblin 4 and Loupe 4. Wambles, Sumblin and Marlowe tied with 2 aces apiece. On next Spring Garden, winner of Pool two and the team everyone had picked to finish runner-up behind Addison. Win this match and you're in the "Ship". Championship match that is the one for all the mar. As everyone north of Montgomery expected Spring Garden won the first game 25-14, but after that, smacks were heard as the ball slammed down on the Panthers side of the net, and thumps rebounding on the Kinston side as the ball was being dug up and fed to the hitters. With Ashley Rushing leading the way with 27 digs, followed by Haley Kilcrease 20, Bridgett Marlowe 17, Hillary Sumblin and Megan Piland 9 each. Piland had 21 assists and Sumblin had 20. Mandi Loupe produced 18 kills, Samantha Wambles had her share with 13, Sumblin and Marlowe helped out with 11 each. Kinston went on to win the match 25-21, 25-18, 20-15. Wambles hit the most aces with 3, followed by Piland 2, Crystal Weeks 2, Marlowe 1 and Sumblin 1.

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Photo from left to right: Todd McCall, Bill McDonald (UA Head Athletic Trainer), Dr. Deirdre Leaver-Dunn (UA Director of Athletic Training).

Todd McCall named the Athletic Training Education Program 2003 Outstanding Alumnus

Todd McCall, a 1991 Elba High School graduate, has been named the Athletic Training Education Program 2003 Outstanding Alumnus. The award was presented at the University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences Alumni Convocation on October 10, 2003. McCall is a 1996 ATEP graduate and received his MS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also served as a Graduate Assistant athletic trainer. Following his tenure at Southern Miss, Todd worked as an Assistant ATC at Georgia Southern and Marshall University, while at Marshall, McCall was the primary ATC for football, which earned him the distinction of being the youngest Division I head football trainer in the country. McCall was named Head Athletic Trainer at the University of Wyoming in 2002 and returned to Southern Mississippi as Head Athletic Trainer last spring. In his role at Southern Mississippi, Todd oversees a staff of 10 full-time and Graduate Assistant ATCs, who provide coverage for 12 varsity sports.

Chasity Hyde won "Miss Photogenic" in Miss Teen Alabama Pageant

Factory Connection's own Chasity Hyde of Arab, Alabama, won "Miss Photogenic" and placed in the Top 10 in last Saturday's Miss Teen Alabama pageant. The pageant was held on the campus of Samford University. 75 teen-aged girls competed for the coveted Miss Teen Alabama title.

"Chasity is no stranger to a camera, since she has been modeling for the Factory Connection for over 2 years," says Terry Scott, president of Factory Connection. "We are very proud of Chasity, and we wish her continued success in her future endeavors. She has been an excellent model for Factory Connection."

Chasity, who will graduate from Arab High School in the Spring, also works in the Arab Factory Connection store. "I love the great styles at Factory Connection," says Chasity. "Working at the store and modeling for Factory Connection has given me the courage to compete in pageants. Factory Connection has given me a great head start in modeling," says Chasity.

Factory Connection, which helped sponsor Chasity for the Miss Teen Alabama pageant, is comprised of 158 stores, located in 11 states throughout the Southeast.

Factory Connection specializes in providing junior, misses, plus and men's fashions, at affordable prices. Factory Connection stores feature a wide selection of the latest fashions and are staffed by well-trained personnel who are supported by an experienced team.

Chasity Hyde, age manager, buyers and operations personnel.

Upon graduation, Chasity plans on attending Auburn University and studying Business.

Chasity, along with her parents, Debbie and Don Jarmon, reside in Arab, Alabama.

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Chad Wesley Bryan

Chad Wesley Bryan awarded the degree of Juris Doctorate from the U of A

Chad Wesley Bryan was one of 160 graduates to be awarded the degree of Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law during commencement ceremonies held May 16, 2003. Chad, who graduated summa cum laude, is a 1996 graduate of Brantley High School and received his B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Alabama in 2000. He is the son of George and Glenda Bryan of Brantley.

During his law career, Chad received numerous honors and awards, including the law school's academic achievements. Chad was named a Hugo Black Scholar as well as the recipient of the William B. Moore, Jr. Award and the Henderson M. Somerville Prize. In addition, Chad has been recognized for best paper honors in the Ethics, Torts, Property, Sales, Secured Transactions, and Legal Writing courses. During his second and third years, Chad was elected by his classmates to serve as an Associate Justice on the law school's Honor Court.

Chad also served on the editorial board of the Alabama Law Review, in which he recently had an article selected for publication. Chad also has been extended membership into the prestigious Order of the Coif. During the commencement ceremony, Chad was presented with the M. Leigh Harrison Award, the law school's highest academic honor. Only those students in the top 5% of the graduating class are eligible for Harrison Award consideration.

Chad was recently admitted to the Alabama State Bar and is currently employed as an associate attorney with a law firm in Montgomery, Alabama where he practices in the area of civil litigation.

Wanya' McMillan turns three

Wanya' Tazzale McMillan celebrated his third birthday on Oct. 31.

He is the son of Jawaune and Kelly McMillan of Elba.

Gospel Singing to be held at the Mustard Seed Fellowship Church



Lamar and Lorene Griffin celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

The children along with their spouses hosted Lamar and Lorene Griffin's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on September 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the Gatherings in New Brockton. Lamar Griffin and Lorene Strickland of New Brockton, nieces, Robin Burgess, Allison Jackson of Enterprise, and Tracy Nolin of Elba.

A memory table was set in honor of the late Grover and Nina Joe (Perkins) Griffin. Lamar's parents, Ren and Willie (Nicholson) Strickland, Lorene's parents, Brandi Griffin, Lori (Larry) Johnson and Leigh (Kevin) Moore, all of New Brockton. They also have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The celebration directors, Vicki Harrison and Teresa Huff, of New Brockton Florist had the Gatherings beautifully decorated with fresh cut flowers and candles. Over a hundred and thirty guests were registered by great nieces, Jennifer and Kristy Burgess of Enterprise, and then served a buffet of assorted hors d'oeuvres, cake, and punch by sister-in-law, Janice Strickland of New Brockton, nieces, Robin Burgess, Allison Jackson of Enterprise, and Tracy Nolin of Elba.

A "Ten Commandments" Rally to be held at The Farm Center

A "Ten Commandments" rally is scheduled at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Saturday, November 29th.

UMW Sunday & Veteran's recognition planned at EUMC

On Sunday, November 9, at the Elba United Methodist Church, there will be a special service to recognize the United Methodist Women (UMW), Rev. Rachel Baxter will deliver the morning message. Charlotte Hobson will speak on the purpose of UMW. Also during morning services, the Veterans of the UMC will be recognized in honor of Veteran's Day.

Miss Fall of Jack 2003 Womanless Beauty Pageant to be held

Miss Fall of Jack 2003, Womanless Beauty Pageant, will be held November 15th, 6:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00 plus one can of food. See your favorite coach, teacher, pastor, or friend participate. Must be 19 years of age to enter. To register call Lynn Sorrells at 897-3695 or Mallory Besdale at 897-3546.

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Newbia Jr. High School plans reunion

The reunion of Newbia Jr. High School will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003, at the Fellowship hall of Newbia Baptist Church.

A time of fellowship will begin at 11 a.m., and a covered dish lunch will be served around 1 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish or dishes.

All former students of Newbia Jr. High and their spouses are invited to attend.

Also, a special invitation is extended to all former teachers, trustees and others who may have worked at the school.

For more information call 897-5471, nights or 897-5354 any time.

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***Birthdays and Anniversary ***Dec 'Nard' Brooks November 5, Ernest Paul Belcher November 6, Michael and Evelyn Manning Wedding Anniversary November 2.

Showing Love Benefit Program for Sister Carolyn Lawrence and Sister Lavone Rideaux will be held Saturday, November 8, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at the Southeast District Singing Convention Building, Danley's Cross Roads, Brooksville Community in Elba.

***St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Geneva will be hosting their 2nd Annual area wide gospel music workshop concert on Friday, November 14, 2003. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 and continue through Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Driggers



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is shining on Ashley Smith. Ashley is the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Sharon Smith. She is employed at the Elba Dairy Queen.

Ashley is a senior at Elba High School, and she is involved in VICA. Outside of school she enjoys spending time with her boy friend, Josh.

After high school, she plans to attend college and become a real estate agent.

Congratulations Ashley, and keep up the good work!!!

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK...Friends are friends forever!!

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

EHS band goes to Birmingham

by Jessica Danford

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Marching Tiger Band took a long trip to Birmingham to compete in one of the highest band contests.

All 130 band members, chaperones, student interns and the band director loaded up on four buses for a 4-hour trip to compete in one of the highest band contests of the season.

With a full day ahead of them, the group proved that nothing could stop them. The band competed against four other bands in class AAA. Even though the band went through many hardships that day, it still pulled through with superior ratings and also got best in class dance line, majorettes, percussion, and overall band.

The Marching Tiger Band proved that nothing could stop them from getting what they wanted! Congratulations to Mr. Ellis, the band members, and my fellow band seniors for a job well done.

To my fellow seniors, we went out in a bang!

Elba Elementary students celebrate Red Ribbon Week

by Ayanna Proctor

Red Ribbon Week was held the week of October 23-31, 2003.

Monday the students were to wear their red ribbons. Tuesday's theme was to "Boot Out Drugs", and they were to wear boots. Wednesday all the students were encouraged to wear red.

Thursday's theme was "Put a Cap on Drugs", and the students wore caps. Friday's theme was "Elba Tigers are Drug Free" and the students were asked to wear black and gold to show their support for the football team.

The EES students had a great week celebrating all the different events of the week.

Red Ribbon Week grew out of the efforts of the people of Calexico, Cal., the hometown of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

While working undercover in Mexico in 1985 to gather information on local drug traffickers, Camarena's identity was discovered and he was abducted, tortured, and killed. Within weeks of his death, Camarena's friends and neighbors launched Camarena Clubs. Members of the clubs pledged to live drug free in honor of the sacrifice made by Camarena and others like him.

During the spring of that year, Coach Collins' 8th grade science classes had fun building and launching model rockets this past week.

Mr. Greg Corder provided rockets for each student to build and then launch. The project took a total of three days to complete. It took two days to build the rockets and one day to launch.

Students got a chance to launch their rockets two to three times. The average height that the rockets travel is 700 ft. A few students got a chance to use a more powerful rocket motor, that sent the rockets to a height of 1200 ft.

This project gave the students a little break from their normal classroom activities, and the students seemed to enjoy the change of pace.

Coach Collins would like to thank Mr. Corder for providing the rockets and for his time and patience with the students.

School spirit displayed during Homecoming week

by Christy Eubanks

The week of Oct. 27-31 was Homecoming week at Elba High School, and to show spirit, the cheerleaders held dress-up days.

Monday was Cowboy/Western Day. Tuesday was Hippy Day. Wednesday was Iron Bowl Day (Auburn/Alabama). Thursday was Spook the Bulldogs Day (Halloween costumes), and Friday was Black and Gold Day.

Here are some samples of the costumes worn during the week. Jennifer Waters, Lyndsay Lawford and Jennifer Grisvett show their hippy power on Tuesday. Kayla Homyak, Elizabeth Weeks, Casey Medlock and Andrew Blenn "spooked the bulldogs" on Thursday. On Friday, Nicole Frost and Stephanie Baxley showed their Tiger spirit by wearing black and gold.

These were just a few of the people who dressed up for the week as many others dressed up as well.



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Submitted by Karrie Copeland

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Thursday - Waffles & Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Pineapple Pudding, Milk
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Business and marketing education advisory committee holds meeting

The Business and Marketing Education Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the business department at Elba High School.

Seven members were present: Ruth Hays, Linda Hodge, Sue Mauldin, David Stokes, Felicia Toliver, Ingrid Clark and Martha Crawford.

The purpose of the advisory committee meeting was to address issues and concerns of the business and marketing education program at Elba High School.

The committee discussed ways to improve the business program, namely the purchase of new equipment, curriculum changes, the upcoming business/industry certification review, club involvement, and job training.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Bruce Williams (far left), a representative of Liberty National Insurance, last week presented this enlarged picture of the 2003 Elba Tiger football team, cheerleaders and mascot to head football coach Mike Waters (second from left). Also present for the presentation was Elba High School principal Johnny Dunn (right). The photograph will be properly displayed at the school.

KINSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

ALLA'S HONOR ROLL

GRADE 1 - Addy Archie, Noah Carney, Lindsey Cazessus, Braden Dorsey, T.J. Glass, Morgan Grosland, Marly Jacobs, Courtney Moulton, Ben Nelson, Laken Pate, Dylan Rhodes, Grayson Sessions, Rachel Sullivan, Lukas Taylor, Cody Wambles, Callie Weeks.

GRADE 2 - Clay Carney, Kelsey Carney, Lane Clark, Caitlin Cooper, Karegan Davis, Ethan Davis, C.J. Edwards, Chelbie Fuller, Brittany Hardy, Hayden Harper, Avery Hataway, Evan Jackson, Cassidy Johnson, Mahala Johnson, Kade Mercer, Allana Rushing, Patrick Smith, Madison Weeks, Tucker Whigham.

GRADE 3 - Arissa Davis, Katie Lowery, Kaleb Mack, Emily Mock, Dusty Odum.

GRADE 4 - Natasha Mack, Brittany Moulton, Caitlyn Norris, Brittany Smith.

GRADE 5 - Hunter Anderson, Ashley Snell.

GRADE 6 - Lee Devine, Bethany Holley, Erika Rhodes, Amber Smith.

GRADE 7 - Trace Archie, Chris Atkins, Tanner Davis, David Farris, Echo Johnson, Eli Mullins.

GRADE 8 - Tracey Chandler, Damien Crumblin, Hope Golden, Caitlin Humphries, Chris Kunkle, Clay Moss, Brent Nobles, Joseph Sanders.

GRADE 9 - Trent Archie, Allison Bess, Courtney Bryan, Andrew Coleman, Gunter Davis, Bethany Hawthorne, Jim Jones, Sara Mock, Justin Ward, Danny Williams.

GRADE 10 - Ashleigh Adams, Jake Blackmon, Ric Johnson, Taylor Lentini, Courtney Parrish, Kallie Rhodes, Erin Shaw.

GRADE 11 - Trace Archie, Chris Atkins, Tanner Davis, David Farris, Echo Johnson, Eli Mullins.

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NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

A HONOR ROLL

FIRST GRADE: Katie Leshana Adison, Joshua Rock Barbaccia, Beau Hunter Bryant, Katherine Devon Clarke, Taylor Brennan Corbitt, Whittaker James Cotten, Octavia Alexis Green, Jordan Lane Holloway, Brittney Michelle Lee, Jennifer Lynn Lee, Jacob James Mills, Rahleem Sentrelle Mowson, Caleb Tyler Parrish, Lauren Nicole Reeves, Kelsey Marie Rogers, Alexandria Kaitland Sanders, Aaron Alexander Symon, Kayla Trianna Snow, Joshua Dakota Tyler, Robyn Miranda Watson and Patience Nicole Whitley.

SECOND GRADE: Triston Dee Monroe, Brant, Kianna Lashae Carpenter, John Nathan Dunaway, Daniel Ryan Everhart, Taylor Lynn Hunsaway, Sara Elizabeth Hawkins, Kaitlyn Nicole Corbitt, Payton Lynn Edberg, Courtney Alexis Hall, Garrett Bobby Harrison, Logan Blake Harrison, Samantha Nicole Lee, Britney Ann Magwood, Zachary Ryan Miller, Hanna Elizabeth Pearson, Ashleigh Louise Pickett, Joseph Robert El-Sem, Emily Hannah Smith and Jesse Alexander Watson.

THIRD GRADE: Emily Joye Anderson, Phillip Boone Bryant, Alyssa Faith Caylor, Kaitlyn Nicole Corbitt, Payton Lynn Edberg, Courtney Alexis Hall, Garrett Bobby Harrison, Logan Blake Harrison, Samantha Nicole Lee, Britney Ann Magwood, Zachary Ryan Miller, Hanna Elizabeth Pearson, Ashleigh Louise Pickett, Joseph Robert El-Sem, Emily Hannah Smith and Jesse Alexander Watson.

FOURTH GRADE: Shelby Kendall Adkins, Claire Elizabeth Bailey, Ryan Patrick Boop, Savannah Elizabeth Ellis, Lindsey Joann Foster, Jena Nicholas Freese, Abbey Elyse Gatlin, James Davis Haynes, Sanhi Duong Herbert, Laken LeShae Adison, Ashlee

Louise Hornsby, Dannelley Alexis Mock, Kimberly Maxine Stephenson, Bethne Lenora Waldon and Ebony Nicole West.

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Newsroom: Every Four Years

The Newsroom is an interactive museum of news currently being developed in Washington, D.C. It is funded by the Freedom Forum. This online exhibit examines how reporters have covered Presidential elections throughout the twentieth century. Also included is an essay by Doris Kearns Goodwin titled *Presidential Campaigns and the Press: 1896 - 2000*. Web Address: <http://www.newsroom.org/everyfouryears/index.htm>.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie had plans to attend the homecoming dance last week at Elba High and that meant that Dad got the chance to accompany her on a shopping spree for an outfit to wear to the annual event. The fact she wanted something casual enough to wear to the football game made the shopping a little easier, and after only fifteen minutes in the first store we visited we were headed back toward home. Her outfit was color coordinated in black and gold, and I was a mighty proud Dad that night when she headed out.

ELBA TIGERS CLOSE SEASON WITH A BANG

The Elba Tigers hosted the Geneva County Bulldogs last week in their homecoming clash and gave the large crowd on hand plenty to cheer about as they scored five touchdowns in the second half to pull away and posted a big 41-14 win. The Tigers seemed uninspired in the opening two quarters and carried a slim 7-0 lead in at the half, but it was a different batch of Tigers that hit the field for the second half and Elba made it look easy as it rolled up and down the field and finished the night with over 500 yards rushing. Kimmy Hill had a banner night as he gained 289 yards on 17 carries and scored 3 touchdowns, while freshman Stefaun Burks added 114 yards on 13 carries and scored 1 touchdown, and fullback Marchello Reed added 78 yards on only 4 carries and also scored 1 touchdown. The Elba offense simply ground up the Bulldog defense into little pieces and posted its second highest point production of the season. The Elba defense did lose its shut-out in the second half after holding Geneva County scoreless for the opening two quarters, but turned in another solid performance and over the final three games of the season allowed a total of only 28 points. The Tigers bent at times on defense and did give up some yardage, but seemed to come up with a big play at just the right time and turned in another winning performance. It was a game the Tigers were supposed to win, and the Tigers did just that and more as they rolled up the points and closed out the season with three straight wins.

While Elba's 3-7 record was nothing to brag about, the fact the Tigers bounced back to win its last three games after an 0-7 start certainly said something about the desire of the coaches and players. It would have been easy to fold the tents and just go through the motions after dropping seven straight games. However, the Tigers never quit and showed late in the season that they were indeed much better than their 3-7 record might make one think. None of the coaches have ever made excuses, but the early-season injuries to a couple of key players obviously caused some real problems, and late in the season when the line was back at full strength even the loss of two quarterbacks wasn't enough to keep the Tigers from winning games. While it is true that the 3-7 record was a disappointment, the three wins to close out the season should give the players coming back a shot of confidence and help hopes high for next season.

AREA TEAMS HAVE EXCITING SEASON FINALES

The high school football season closed out its regular season last week and it was an exciting week for all the teams in the area. Here is a quick look back...

*** **BRANTLEY (10-0)** - The Bulldogs spotted Luverne a 13-0 third quarter lead and then rallied to claim a wild 14-13 win to post an undefeated record. The Bulldogs' offense was stopped cold for much of the opening three quarters by the Luverne defense, but the Bulldogs' backs never backed down and took charge late to lead the way to the win. After ten weeks of winning there can be no doubt these Bulldogs are special.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (6-4)** - The Gamecocks salvaged the county championship by posting a hard fought 28-7 win over Kinston. New Brockton was tied at 7-7 midway through the third quarter and was in a real dog fight with their cross-county rivals, but the Gamecocks just kept pounding away with their stable of running backs and finally took charge late to claim the win. The Gamecocks wanted a trip back to the state playoffs, but a winning season and a county title wasn't that bad a consolation prize.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (1-9)** - The Rebels put an end to their 23-game losing streak Friday night by rolling past the McKenzie Tigers 34-6. The Rebels owned a slim 14-6 lead at the half against the winless Tigers and then took command over the final two quarters to pull away and claim the win. Coach Harry Lees put discipline back in the Zion Chapel program this season, and the season-ending win should help pave the way for even more wins next season.

*** **KINSTON (3-6)** - The Bulldogs battled their cross-county rivals from New Brockton on even terms for almost three quarters Friday night, but ran out of gas late and suffered a 28-7 loss to the Gamecocks. The Bulldogs were expected to struggle this season and some fans thought a winless season was a possibility, but Coach Gary Glass and his players showed everyone that even when the Bulldogs are down they are still a threat to win every time they take the field. Not a bad job.

SOME TEAMS SAVED THE BEST FOR THE LAST

The high school football regular season came to an end last week and with the region wars out of the way many teams took the field to battle old rivals. Here is a look back at the week that was in high school football.

*** Eufaula closed out its first perfect regular season in twenty-five years with a 28-0 win over 6A Dothan. The Tigers were expected to have a solid team this season and make the playoffs, but Coach Shayne Warden and his troops got better each and every week and there is no doubt the Tigers are now a legitimate 5A power.

*** Slocomb saw its dreams of a perfect season go by the boards in a 17-0 loss to Rehobeth. The 2A Red Tops are still a contender for

for the state 2A title and should be around for quite a while in the playoffs, but the Rebels made it clear last week that there is still a difference in a good 2A team and a good 4A team.

*** Calhoun closed out its season with a 64-0 loss to 1A power Autaugaville and there is no doubt the Tigers are already bouncing the basketball in preparation to defend their 3A state title. Now it will be the Tigers' turn to pay some folks back for the pains of an 0-10 football season.

*** Enterprise went through the motions and survived with a less than spectacular 23-20 win over Lanier. The Wildcats were heavy favorites to smash the lowly Peets and gain some momentum heading into the playoffs, but barely survived and now have to dedicate themselves in a hurry if they expect to stay long at the party.

*** Gulf Shores got a rare win with a 42-18 romp past 1A Pleasant Home. I don't know what the Eagles from Covington County got for making the trip down to the coast, but it must have been worth a lot for them to take on the 4A Dolphins and let them post their only win of the season.

*** Northview saw its losing streak reach 31 games last week with a 35-28 loss to Mary Montgomery. The Cougars were tied at 28-28 late in the game and appeared headed for overtime, but a pass interception was returned for a touchdown with only 11 left in the game and the Cougars saw their victory drought continue. Ouch.

*** Opp scored all its points in the second half to end Andalusia 20-8, in a cross-county rivalry. The Bulldogs owned an 8-0 halftime lead and were tied at 8-8 early in the fourth quarter when they gambled and lost on a fourth down and one at their own ten-yardline. The fourth quarter gamble gave the Bobcats an easy score and Opp held on for its eighth win of the season.

*** Pike County quarterback Chris Nickson accounted for all but six yards of Pike County's total offensive output in a wild 36-26 win over Stanhope Elmore. Nickson wants to play quarterback in college and has turned down numerous offers from schools that want him to be a defensive back. After the showing Friday night there can be little doubt the kid can play quarterback anywhere in the nation.

*** And, R.C. Hatch gave it a real fight before falling to Francis Marion 30-24 for its fifty-second straight loss. The 2A Bobcats have been everybody's homecoming pick for many years, but this season did come close a couple of times. Who knows? Maybe next season will be the one in which the "Cats snap the streak.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Kinston Bulldogs made the trip up the Birmingham last week to compete in the State Volleyball Tournament and made it to the championship round before falling to Addison. The Bulldogs posted a 4-2 record in the three-day tourney to run their record to 39-9, and really played their best volleyball of the season on Friday to get past two quality opponents and make it to the finals. The Bulldogs will lose 11 seniors and will have to reload next year, but don't doubt for a minute that Kinston will be a 1A power again when they tip it off in 2004. Great job!

*** Last week's football game between Kinston and New Brockton was stopped with 44 left on the clock after a fight, and the Gamecocks were awarded the win 28-7. Two players from both teams were ejected after the fight that erupted after an extra-point attempt, but the ensuing kickoff never happened and apparently the clock was started with the teams still on the sidelines. I know that game officials can make rulings on matters not specifically covered in the rule book, but I didn't know they could make up their own rules, too.

*** I don't know how much Auburn paid Louisiana Monroe to come and get ebbethed last weekend, but I hope the guys from the bayou got enough out of the visit to at least make them feel better about getting embarrassed 7-37. It is one thing to schedule a team for a big paycheck, but to submit their players to what happened Saturday and make them a laughing stock is too much no matter the payday. As for Auburn, what did you prove?

*** Three high school coaches had to listen on the phone last week while the Alabama High School Athletic Association flipped a coin to decide their playoff hopes. Carver of Birmingham, Fairfield and Wetumpka were all involved in a tie that could not be settled after going through 15 tie-breakers. So, after the games Friday night AHSAA director Dan Washburn placed sheets of paper with

All games to start at 7 PM

State football playoffs kick off Friday night

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will kick off its 2003 "State Football Playoffs" this week all across the state, and following are playoff games in the South bracket.

CLASS 6A
Theodore (6-4) at Prattville (10-0)
Enterprise (6-4) at Baldwin County (7-3)
R.E. Lee (5-5) at Davidson (9-1)
Vigor (7-3) at Central (9-1)
Auburn (4-6) at Daphne (10-0)
McGill-Toolen (9-5) at Jeff Davis (7-2)
LeFlore (4-5) at Opelika (10-0)
Carver (7-3) at Alma Bryant (7-3)

CLASS 5A
St. Pauls (8-2) at Homewood (9-1)
Wetumpka (6-4) at Charles

CLASS 4A
Choctaw County (5-5) at Demopolis (3-7)
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each team's name on the floor, and then he and two other state officials each took a quarter and flipped. Carver won when its coin came up different from the other two, while Fairfield then won since it was now a two-team tie and it had defeated Walker during the regular season. Guess now everyone knows what tie-breaker #16 is, *** and, I attended Elba's homecoming parade Friday afternoon and was proud to see that the classes still have school spirit and still build floats. The honored class looked kind of young and may have been fingers brought in to make me feel old, but they did look in great shape and had smiles on their faces as they waved to the large crowd on hand. There is still something special about homecoming, and it brings out school pride in all of us, no matter when we graduated.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS INTO PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office early Sunday morning and was still talking about the winning week enjoyed by four of the five schools in the county. He reminded me that years ago the Coffee County teams dominated high school football, and said that last week brought back some very fond memories. The local guesspest hit on 29 of 32 picks last week to close out the regular season with a 268-36 record, which ain't too bad. Here are this week's playoff picks...

BRANTLEY VS. A.L. JOHNSON

The Bulldogs from across the river ran their winning streak to ten games last week after a visit to the "Friendliest City," and this week will return home and get ready for a flock of Eagles that are due in sometime Friday from over in West Alabama. Look for the opening round of the playoffs to be little more than a picnic for the 'Dogs, with bird as the main course.

BRANTLEY 34 A.L. JOHNSON 6

OTHER PICKS:

Prattville 31 Theodore 7

Baldwin County 17 Enterprise 14

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Central 21 Vigor 14

Daphne 42 Auburn 0

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Wetumpka (6-4) at Charles

CLASS 6A

Theodore (6-4) at Prattville (10-0)

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LeFlore (4-5) at Opelika (10-0)

Carver (7-3) at Alma Bryant (7-3)

CLASS 7A

St. Pauls (8-2) at Homewood (9-1)

SPORTS

Close season with third straight win

Elba Tigers explode in second half to bury Geneva County 41-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they exploded for five second half touchdowns to bury the Geneva

County Bulldogs 41-14.

The win was the third straight for Elba and gave the Tigers a final record of 3-7, while Geneva County ended its season with a 1-9 slate.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back



Elba Tiger fans of all ages were in attendance Friday night to cheer for the Tigers as they posted an impressive 44-14 win over Geneva County.



Elba Tiger lineman Kaleb Dyess (64) arrives to help as a teammate gets ready to make sure a Bulldog back stays down in last week's homecoming win.



SPORTS



HERE COME THE REBELS....Zion Chapel's Hayden Osborn (24) reaches for a handoff as the Rebel offensive linemen fire off the ball. The Rebels claimed their first win of the season Friday night with a big 34-6 win over McKenzie.

Brantley tames Tigers 14-13

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Luverne Tigers met Thursday night to determine the 2003 Crenshaw County football championship and after forty-eight minutes of intensity the Bulldogs prevailed by the score

of 14-13.

Luverne built a 13-0 second half lead in the annual cross-county grudge match, only to see Brantley score the final two touchdowns of the game to pull out the heart-stopping victory.

The first score of the game came on a one-yard plunge by Luverne's Fred Hawkins with

1:43 remaining in the second quarter. Hawkins had set up the score with a 35-yard punt return that gave the Tigers a first down at the Brantley 25-yardline. Daniel Brown kicked the extra-point and Luverne was on the scoreboard first with a 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs threatened before the end of the half as Channing Spivey hit Cedric Jones with a 20-yard pass. However, the clock reached :00 and at intermission Luverne owned the lead 7-0.

Luverne opened the second half with a drive from its own 24-yardline to the Brantley 20, only to see the Bulldog defense stiffen. The Tigers attempted to salvage three points out of the scoring opportunity, but on fourth down Daniel Brown's 43-yard field-goal try missed short and left.

On the game's next possession Luverne's Pat Parks intercepted a Brantley pass and returned the interception 25 yards to the Brantley 15-yardline. It took the Tigers seven plays to cover the fifteen yards into the endzone, with Jesse Dixon getting the score on a one-yard plunge. Brown's extra-point attempt failed, but with 3:38 remaining in the third quarter Luverne had extended its lead to 13-0.

The Brantley offense showed signs of life on its next possession as the Bulldogs raced down the field. Devaris Skanes broke two tackles on a 36-yard scamper to the Luverne 40-yardline, while Channing Spivey then went to the airways and connected with Cassini Wiley for a 13-yard completion. Two running plays gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Luverne 15-yardline, and on the next snap Spivey hit Jamyal Jones with a swing pass in the left flats. Jones refused to be tackled as he powered his way into the endzone, and Cedric Jones booted the extra-point as Brantley cut the Luverne lead to 13-7 with 1:19 left in the third quarter.

Luverne received the ensuing kickoff and put together a nine play drive that ended with Brantley's 13-yardline when the Bulldogs' Cassini Wiley recovered a Tiger fumble.

From there, the Bulldogs put together an eight play drive that would result in Brantley's second score of the half. Devaris Skanes had runs of 5, 12 and 33 yards during the long scoring march, while Jamyal Jones got the touchdown on a 10-yard dash around the right-end after breaking a tackle at the Luverne 5-yardline. Cedric Jones calmly booted the extra-point and with 5:10 remaining in the game Brantley owned its first lead at 14-13.

The two rivals swapped punts on their next offensive series, with Luverne winding up with the ball at the Brantley 44-yardline with 2:00 still left on the clock.

On a fourth down play Brantley's Marcel Stamps blitzed through the line untouched to rush a pass attempt by the Tigers' Ryan Brown, and Channing Spivey intercepted the pass to secure the Brantley win and the Bulldogs' perfect 10-0 record.

Devaris Skanes gained 128 yards on 15 carries to lead Brantley, with 83 yards coming in the final 15 minutes.

Rebels pull ahead early and pull away late in big 34-6 win over McKenzie

Story and photos by Ross Adkinson

The Zion Chapel Rebels took to the road Friday night to battle the McKenzie Tigers in a battle of 1A teams looking to end the season with a win, and while both teams entered the game with identical 0-9 records, it was the Rebels that dominated the action in the second half to pull away and claim a big 34-6 win.

McKenzie scored first in the game when Cedric Rudolph broke loose and rambled 33 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but with 10:47 remaining in the second quarter McKenzie was on the scoreboard and owned a 6-0 lead.

McKenzie failed to mount a threat against the Zion Chapel defense on its next possession and was forced to punt. The Tiger punter shanked the punt, and the Rebels' Josh Smith scooped up the short punt and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. Smith also added the extra-point and with 3:49 left in the second quarter Zion Chapel was on top 7-6.

Zion Chapel added to its lead late in the half when Josh Smith connected with Austin Smith on a 79-yard touchdown pass. The Rebel receiver went up with two McKenzie defenders to haul in the pass, and then raced into the endzone for the score! Josh Smith kicked the extra-point and with 1:24 remaining in the half Zion Chapel had upped its advantage to 14-6.



NOWHERE TO RUN....for this running back as a trio of Zion Chapel defenders arrive. Zion Chapel snapped its losing streak last week with a 34-6 win over McKenzie.

The Rebels could sense a win was within their grasp as the second half got underway and took command on both sides of the football to pull away and post the big win.

The first score of the second half came with 6:44 remaining in the third quarter on a 37-yard touchdown pass from Josh Smith to Austin Smith, and Josh Smith again booted the extra-point as the Rebels' lead went to 21-6.

Zion Chapel's next score was set up by a pass interception by Michael Sneed late in the third quarter. Hayden Osborn had several key runs in the scoring

march, while it was Josh Smith that scored the touchdown on a 9-yard run with 34 remaining in the third quarter.

Jamie Wise scored the final points of the night in the final quarter on a 15-yard run, and at the horn the Rebels had the win 34-6.

Charlie Hurd gained 61 yards on 11 carries to lead the Zion Chapel running attack, which rolled up a total of 180 yards on 36 tries. Josh Smith connected on 3 of 5 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns, with Austin Smith pulling in both scoring strikes.

Kickoff set for 7 PM

Brantley Bulldogs to host A.L. Johnson Eagles in opening round of 1A playoffs

The Alabama High School Athletics Association's "State High School Football Playoffs" will kickoff this week across the state and included among the favorites in Class 1A will be the Brantley Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs, coached by David Lowery, will carry a 10-0 record into the opening round of the playoffs and will host the (5-5) A.L. Johnson Eagles.

Brantley outscored its opponents 383-48 during the regular season and combined a high-scoring offense with a stingy and hard-hitting defense. The Bulldogs' offense is guided by senior quarterback Channing Spivey, while junior running

back Devaris Skanes and senior running back Jamyal Jones help give the "dogs a potent 1-2 punch out of the backfield. When Spivey heads to the airways his favorite targets are senior Marcel Stamps and Jones. Over on defense, Brantley recorded four shut-outs during the season and allowed an average of less than five points per game. Leading the way on defense are Jamyal Jones, Cassini Wiley, Marcel Stamps and Cedric Jones.

The Eagles, coached by Mose Jones, are a common guest to the post-season party, and this season made the playoffs despite struggling to a 5-5 record. The Eagles have claimed wins over Keith 32-20, Carrollton 20-12, Akron and Marengo, while also getting credit for a forfeit win over John Essex, a game the Eagles lost on the field 44-14. The losses have been to American Christian 35-6, Sweet Water 43-8, Sunshine 14-8, Linden 16-8 and Livingston.

While Brantley will enter this game as a heavy favorite, A.L. Johnson will enter the game with nothing to lose and no doubt will try to slow down the Bulldogs' high-scoring offense.

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Baseball showcase set for Saturday at TSU

On Saturday, November 8, 2003, a baseball showcase will be conducted in Troy, AL. The 2nd Annual Troy Baseball Showcase will allow high school baseball players from Southeast Alabama an opportunity to exhibit their skills and talent to college coaches from this area. These players will also be able to gain recognition and to meet these coaches on a one-to-one basis. Because this showcase will be held in the fall, coaches will be more readily available to observe talented high school athletes who wish to pursue baseball in college. This showcase will be held at a Riddle-Pace Field, on the campus of Troy State University in Troy, AL. Players will be evaluated in all aspects of the game, including: running (60 yard), fielding, hitting, catching and pitching. The showcase will begin at 10:00 am, with registration starting at 9:00 am. For further information, or to pre-register for showcase, please call:

Ron Pierce at 334.566.4568 or 334.670.9953, or go to: troy-baseball.com for more information, or to register.

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SPORTS

Close season with 6-4 record

Gamecocks rally in second half to get past Kinston 28-7



GAMECOCK PASS RUSH....The New Brockton defense applies heavy pressure in Friday night's 28-7 county clash over Kinston.



Gamecock running back Tyler Simmons lowers his head and heads for the endzone in last week's 28-7 win over the Kinston Bulldogs.



Wild hogs, due to their rapidly expanding numbers, are becoming more popular with Alabama hunters. Wild hogs are not native to the southeast, but they have been here so long many sportsmen regard them as a native trophy game animal. Hogs were imported from Spain shortly after America was discovered. Cortez, DeSoto and other explorers brought domestic pigs with them to eat and to release so they could propagate and be a meat source for future expeditions.

During the early 1900's wealthy landowners imported European wild hogs to stock a large fenced hunting preserve. It is not exactly clear what happened, but most of these hogs escaped from the preserve and interbred with the free ranging domestic hogs of the Smoky Mountain area. Descendants of these wild porkers still roam the mountains today.

Alabama's wild hog population is made up feral hogs that were released or escaped generations ago. Wild hogs compete directly with deer and turkey for the acorn crop in the hardwood bottom near tributaries that are the hog's main expansion routes. While they are prized by some sportsmen for trophy mounts and meat, they are considered a problem by most landowners and game managers.

Hog hunters in Alabama have some of the most liberal hunting regulations of any state in the country. Wild hogs can be hunted year round. One needs only a hunting license and permission to hunt. Since hogs are considered a game animal they must be hunted during daylight hours and it is illegal to hunt them over bait. An exception to the bait prohibition regulation is if a landowner or his designee has a depredation permit. These permits are issued by the local conservation officer and allow hogs to be hunted over bait and taken at night with a spotlight.

Wild hogs are not notorious for attacking people. They will usually run at the sight or scent of a human but a sow with pigs in a exception. Sows will fiercely defend their young.

Deer hunters shoot many hogs during bow or the regular gun season. The average deer rifle is adequate for most wild hog hunting. Small to medium size calibers such as the .243 will work on smaller hogs but can prove inadequate if you run into a riled up 300 pound boar. Extreme caution must be used when approaching a downed hog, as a wounded tusker can make you climb a tree in a hurry.

Landowners, even those who normally do not allow hunting, will often permit hunters to shoot wild hogs on their land. Not only do hogs destroy crops, their "wallows" can be deep enough to make the use of some farm machinery dangerous. Hunters savvy in public relations can use the wild hogs bad reputation to their advantage in getting permission to hunt. Hog hunting allows one to hunt year round and put some mighty good meat in the freezer.

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From combined reports by Scott Johnson and Robby Kinsaul
Photos by Mary Johnson and Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Kinston Bulldogs renewed their cross-county football rivalry Friday night at Bulldog Stadium and both teams battled from the opening kickoff until the final play before the Gamecocks managed to leave the field with a hard earned 28-7 win.

The win gave the Gamecocks a final record of 6-4 and the 2003 county football crown, while the Bulldogs ended the season with a 3-6 record.

New Brockton returned the opening kickoff to the Gamecock 34-yardline and wasted little time marching down the field to get on the scoreboard. Brandon Owens broke loose for a 53-yard gain on the first play of the game to immediately put the Gamecocks in scoring position, and three plays later Tyler Simmons bulled up the middle for a 5-yard scoring run. Owens added the extra-point, and with 10:16 remaining in the first quarter New Brockton was already on top 7-0.

Kinston's offense also came out ready to roll and behind the running of eighth-grader Jerome Ball headed across midfield. Ball gained 12 yards on 3 carries to help the Bulldogs move the chains, while Garrett Parker connected with tight-end Jeremy Driver on a 14-yard completion that gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Gamecock 48-yardline. Cole Meeks and Garrett Parker took turns butting heads with the New Brockton defense and helped the Gamecocks reach a first down at the Gamecock 26-yardline. Kinston appeared to be ready to cash in on the scoring chance when Parker scampered down to the New Brockton 12, but a holding penalty on the big game backed the Bulldogs up to their 36-yardline and put an end to the scoring threat.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at the 20-yardline and behind the running of Brandon Owens and Tyler Simmons quickly moved out to the Gamecock 41. The Gamecocks appeared ready to add to their lead, but a big loss on a defensive play by Cole Meeks knocked the Gamecocks back, and one play later New Brockton punted the ball back to the Bulldogs.

Kinston began its next series at its own 24-yardline, but quickly moved out to near midfield when Jerome Ball broke loose and rambled 18 yards to



A host of Kinston Bulldog defenders meet to stop a New Brockton running back for a short gain. The Gamecocks staged a second half rally to down the Bulldogs 28-7 to end the season with a 6-4 record.

down at the Bulldog 21-yardline. The Gamecock scoring threat died on a pass interception by Kinston's J.T. Wiggins, but the Gamecock defense refused to let the Bulldogs mount anything resembling a drive, and three plays later got the ball back at the Kinston 35-yardline after a short Bulldog punt.

This time New Brockton took advantage of the excellent field position and in six plays was in the endzone. Tanner Medley, Emanuel Magwood and Brandon Owens took turns running against the Kinston defense on the scoring march, while Tyler Simmons scored the touchdown on a 34-yard dash around the right end. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:33 remaining in the third quarter New Brockton was back on top 13-7.

New Brockton got the ball back on a Kinston punt and this time marched 65 yards in 11 plays and ate up almost six minutes off the clock as the Gamecocks again reached the endzone. Brandon Owens scored the Gamecock touchdown on a 4-yard run and also ran in the two-point conversion as New Brockton upped its advantage to 21-7 with 4:58 left in the fourth quarter.

Kinston moved the chains once on its final possession of the night before coming up short on a fourth down play, and New Brockton took advantage of the

field-position to head downfield and scored the final points of the game on a 1-yard dive by Tyler Simmons. Brandon Owens kicked the extra-point, and with 44 remaining on the clock New Brockton had the win in the bag as the Gamecocks owned a 28-7 lead.

A fight broke out after the extra-point that resulted in two players being ejected from each team, and the game officials then ran the final seconds off the clock with the teams on the sidelines as New Brockton claimed the 28-7 win.

Tyler Simmons ended a great football career at New Brockton by gaining 123 yards on 20 carries and scoring 3 touchdowns. Brandon Owens added 122 yards on 14 carries and scored 1 touchdown, while Tyler Simmons and Brian Allums led the way on defense with 10 tackles, apiece. Allums also recorded 2 sacks, with Jerod Bell and Brandon Owens getting one sack each.

STATISTICS

NB	K
15	1st Downs 8
46-336	Rushes-Yds. 25-160
0	Passing Yds. 26
336	Total Offense 186
0-2-2	Passes 4-7-1
1/1	Fumbles/Lost 3/0
2-10	Penalties-Yds. 5-50

Kinston Bulldogs place second at State Class 1A Volleyball Tournament in Birmingham

The Kinston Bulldog volleyball team traveled to Birmingham last weekend to compete in the 2003 Alabama State High School Volleyball Tournament and advanced to the championship round before being ousted by Addison.

The Bulldogs opened the tournament on Thursday morning in pool play and claimed an exciting 25-21, 21-25, 15-9 win

over Isabella. A 25-11, 25-14 win over Marion County followed and moved the Bulldogs into a show down with top-ranked, where the Bulldogs lost to Addison 17-25, 8-25 to earn the number two seed in the four-team pool.

The tournament moved to a single-elimination format on Friday, and Kinston kept its state title hopes alive with a pair

of hard-fought wins. The Bulldogs opened the action on Friday with a 21-25, 25-14, 26-24, 25-21 win over American Christian, then defeated Spring Garden in a five-set marathon 14-25, 25-21, 25-18, 20-25, 15-11.

The Bulldogs found themselves facing Addison again in the state championship match-up and won the opening set 25-

22, but dropped the next three 18-25, 13-25, 6-25 to settle for the runner-up spot. Mandi Loupe had 11 kills to lead (39-9) Kinston, while Megan Pland added 18 assists. Addison, which was the state runner-up last season, closed out the season with a 69-4 record.

Brantley Bulldog running back Devaris Skanes (5) tries to pull away from a pair of Luverne defenders. Skanes gained 128 yards on 15 carries in the Bulldogs' 14-13 win over the Tigers last week in Luverne.

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FBLA chapters hold monthly meetings

The Middle Level and Senior Level Chapters of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held their regular monthly meetings. Middle Level had a separate meeting during third period and Senior Level met fourth period. The items of business included several that were the same.

Both chapters are working on their "Living and Literacy" State Project. Zion Chapel's project will be a Multiplication Olympiad. Mrs. Melinda Hodge, elementary math teacher, is working with FBLA members to select participants in the first phase of the Math Olympiad.

In November, the part of the project conducted will be Math Bingo. Finalists who have earned a place will participate in the Bingo game. Prizes will be awarded to students who "bingo". However, it won't be an ordinary bingo game. Math Multiplication Facts will be called out and students have to know the answer to the multiplication fact before they can find a number on their card. Members of both chapters are making the bingo cards and collecting buttons to use as markers.

Other items on the agenda for the chapters included raising funds to finance activities and making plans for different competitions. Middle Level members have different kinds of activities that those of Senior Level, but plans for both have to be made way in advance of the competition.

Members from both Chapters will be selling small, Christmas gift items to raise the money that the Chapter will need to pay mileage for bus trips, pay a bus driver, and pay the other expenses necessary when making trips.

THIRD GRADE SCIENCE PROJECT... Taylor Hancock, Summer Barker, Mathew Winters, Tesla Roubidoux, Mickey Cox and Matthew Buchanan are members of the third grade who participated in a science project for their teachers. Mrs. Betty Mcintosh, Mrs. Beverly McCall and Mrs. Kristy Jones. They had to write a report and make a poster about the animal of their choice. They would use and kind or art medium they chose. With their parents' permission they could use the Internet to do research on the animals of their choice. Animals included in the project were white tail deer, jaguar, zebra, squirrel, horse, dolphin, birds, cow, Rottweiler, rabbit, and dog.

Coffee County Schools Menu Nov. 10-14, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Ham & Cheese Croissants, Sausage, Dog, Hashbrowns, Mixed Vegetables, Cookie, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Veterans Day Holiday	Tuesday - Veterans Day Holiday
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Chicken Sandwich, Onion Rings, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Sausage Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Lemon Bake Chicken, Fish Nuggets, Whole White Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Cheese Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, Burrito, French Fries, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk

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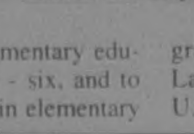
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Zion Chapel recognizes several new faculty members

Amber Camley teaches fourth grade at Zion Chapel Elementary after spending two and half years in the Louisiana Public School System. Amber is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School, Troy State University, a n d Northwestern State of become certification in elementary education, grades one - six, and to earn a MS degree in elementary education. She and her husband, Joe, have one child, Lizzie.

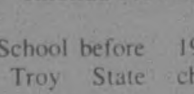
Amber Camley



Rhonda Flowers



Brenda Roberts



ZC's Homecoming 2003 included wide variety of activities

Homecoming Week at Zion Chapel included a wide variety of interesting activities, and each day of the week was designated for some particular activity.

Monday was Pajama Day and students were encouraged to show their school spirit by coming to school in their night-clothes.

Tuesday was Camo Day. The students could not be found because they were camouflaged.

Wednesday was Tacky and Hat Day. Students who wanted to be noticed certainly were.

Friday was School Spirit Day, and students were encouraged to wear school colors or to wear the new homecoming t-shirt they had purchased.

Mrs. Dawn Smith's class won the door decoration contest in the Middle School with Jr. Beta Club winning second and the Middle School SGA winning third.

The days' activities ended with the Coronation Ceremony, Senior Recognition, and the ballgame.

Anna Miller was crowned homecoming queen during the Coronation Ceremony.

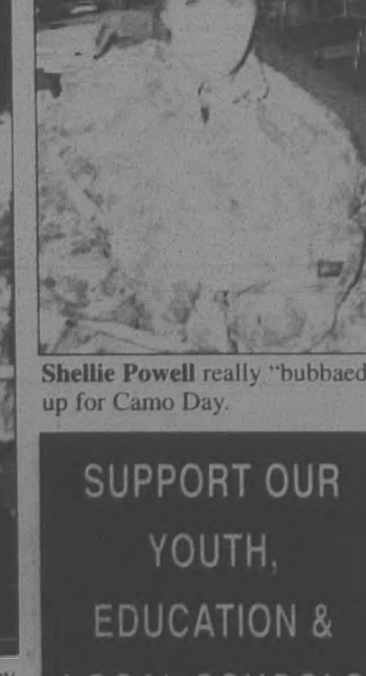
Seniors Amber Henderson, Kim Rayburn, Brittany Thompson, Anna Miller, Shae Flowers, Leighanne Buhmann, Keri Senn, Chad Yager, Macon Hodge and Whitney Stephens were honored for their participation in athletics and cheerleading.



Brittany Thompson was the "tackiest" on Tacky Day.



Members of the Homecoming Court (bottom to top) - Ashley Parrish, Anna Mills, Kenna Roberts, Samantha Sisney, Whitney Stephens and Anna Miller.



Shellie Powell really "bubbaed" up for Camo Day.

Altrusa International of Jack recently became a chartered club

Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., became a chartered club Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003.

Altrusa is a group of women dedicated to improving their communities by personal service. Through local club, members unite their talents in service to others. Altrusa is recognized internationally for the significant contributions of its clubs and members.

The Jack, Ala., club was chartered with 21 members. The officers include: Jennifer Amlong, president; Shannon Boswell, 1st vice president; Britley Parker, 2nd vice president; Lynn Sorrells, treasurer; Jennifer Flowers, secretary.

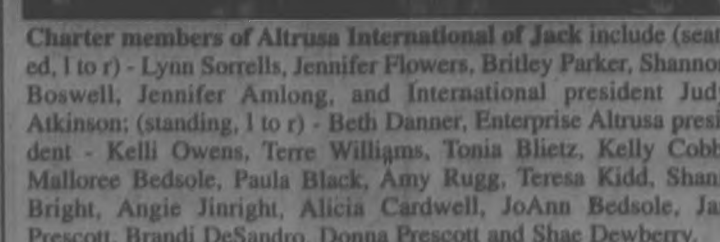
Board members include: Angie Jinright, Jan Prescott, Donna Prescott and Shae Dewberry.

Other club members are: Shann Bright, Terre Williams, Kelli Cobb, Brandi DeSandro, Alicia Cardwell, JoAnn Bedsole, Mallory Bedsole, Beth Danner, Tonia Blietz, Teresa Kidd, Amy Rugg and Paula Black.

Altrusa International Inc. of Enterprise helped sponsor the new club and provided leadership training. The Enterprise club was chartered in the mid-50s and has provided many services for the Enterprise area.

As for the members of the Jack club, they are already making plans for services they wish to provide.

Donations were purchased thanks in part to monetary donations from The National Security Group of Elba and Witherington Insurance of Troy and were recently given to all third grade students at Zion Chapel Elementary School. Several books also have been given to the Zion Chapel Elementary library, and that service will continue. All members of Altrusa



Charter members of Altrusa International of Jack include (seated, l to r) - Lynn Sorrells, Jennifer Flowers, Britley Parker, Shannon Boswell, Jennifer Amlong, and International president Judy Atkinson; (standing, l to r) - Beth Danner, Enterprise Altrusa president - Kelli Owens, Terre Williams, Tonia Blietz, Kelly Cobb, Mallory Bedsole, Paula Black, Amy Rugg, Teresa Kidd, Shann Bright, Angie Jinright, Alicia Cardwell, JoAnn Bedsole, Jan Prescott, Brandi DeSandro, Donna Prescott and Shae Dewberry.

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Coffee County recognized for setting record child support collections during FY2003

As a result of record child support collections over the past year, Coffee County has been recognized and congratulated.

Janet Hunter, state child support field supervisor for this region of Alabama, congratulated the Coffee County Child Support Program for setting record child support collections during the past year.

Statistics kept by the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources show that Coffee County increased its child support collections by nearly \$200,000 last year. During the 12 month period, the Coffee County Child Support Program collected child support in the amount of \$1,907,786.56. This represented an increase of 11.7 percent over the previous year's child support collections.

"Many people are responsible for our child support success this past year," Coffee County District Attorney Gary L. McAilley said. "For instance, the circuit and district judges, the staff in the clerk of court's office, the sheriff's deputies and work release program jailers have

worked very hard to make sure children of our county are supported to the best of their parent's abilities."

McAilley also praised Gary Jones and his staff at the Coffee County DHR for working tirelessly along with the child support unit of the district attorney's office in filing the legal documents and the follow ups necessary to help ensure the children of Coffee County are supported.

"We can not help everyone because some parents are just deadbeats," McAilley said. "However, we can help most people who have child support problems."

To adults having trouble collecting child support, the district attorney emphasized it is not necessary today for a person who

takes care of a child to have to incur large legal fees just to collect child support. He said all a person has to do is pay \$25 to the Department of Human Resources, and that

organization gathers the necessary information and forwards it to the Coffee County office of the District Attorney Child Support Enforcement Unit.

"The personnel in my office decide what action is appropriate for the collection of child support," said McAilley. "If legal

action is necessary, I assign an assistant district attorney to represent the child or children's interest in court."

He said action can even be taken to collect support from a parent who lives outside the State of Alabama.

"My office furnishes the lawyer, prepares and files the law suit and appears in court at no

charge to the person trying to collect child support," McAilley explained. "Also, since the district attorney's office is a state agency, no court costs are charged if the lawyers in my office prepare and file the action."

He said a person who fails to pay for the support of their child

can be sued civilly (seeking a court order determining how much the parent is to pay each month) or can be sued criminally.

If criminally convicted, he said a parent can be sentenced to serve up to one year in the county jail or placed in a county work

release program where they live in jail at night and work at their regular job during the day until they catch up in child support arrearages.

"Pay your child support," McAilley said to parents not paying their child support. "Your children deserve it."



FLOOD GATE INSTALLED...Road closed signs have been blocking Caroline Street in Elba for quite some time now, but progress is being made towards reopening the road. The closure was forced by the rehabilitation project of the levee in Elba, and workers recently have been busy installing a flood gate at this location. The installation of the flood gate was completed last week and everything is in working order. This type installation is not uncommon in Elba these days as several other roads are closed for various reasons due the levee project. Reese Avenue also currently is closed for the installation of a flood gate, and the Troy Highway remains closed as crews work to increase the height of both the levee and road where the levee crosses that street.

Elba City Council passes ordinances for fire department

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed two ordinances Monday evening, both dealing with the fire department. The first is designed to set health standards for volunteer fire fighters. The second established a \$500 charge when the fire department responds to a call to save or protect property. Both ordinances passed on a vote of five for and one abstaining. Council member David Banstra, who serves on the fire department, abstained to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest.

City officials explained that

most fire insurance policies cover this charge already, and the city is just trying to cover rising costs of operation without increasing taxes. Mayor James Grimes said he doesn't expect to see anyone who has lost his or her home hounded for money, nor hauled into court as a result of this new ordinance. It is just an effort to recover what fire insurance companies are already charging most Alabama policyholders.

The ordinance dealing with health standards for volunteer fire fighters requires that each volunteer fireman "have a mandatory annual medical eval-

uation by a physician determined by the Mayor or his designee. Council members were told this is to help protect a volunteer (and others working with him) from getting hurt fighting a fire when the injury was caused because of an individual's personal health problems.

The ordinance requires a volunteer fireman who does have a health related problem to be assigned duties which don't include physical training exercises nor actually fighting fires.

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During Coffee County BOE meeting Chairman and vice chairman elected for FY2004

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education conducted a short annual meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 6, and began by electing a chairman and vice chairman for Fiscal Year 2004.

Charles Walker and Danny Jernigan again accepted the positions as the board quickly and clearly voted its opinion regarding the matter.

Walker was first nominated to be chairman and received the nod by a unanimous vote (board member Rubin McKinnon was not present) followed by the same reaction for Jernigan as

vice chairman.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram asked board members to declare the sewage project at Zion Chapel as a public works project and give her permission to proceed once the final plans are complete.

Ingram said the project should be less than \$50,000 thus allowing it to be declared a public works project. She said a local landowner had agreed to let the school system lease some land across the road from Zion Chapel school, and this generosity will alleviate a spacing problem keeping the overall cost of the project down.

Ingram said she is looking at leasing approximately five to six acres of land.

The board voted unanimously to declare the sewage project a public works project and allow Ingram to proceed with completing it.

The board voted to declare some old transportation equipment and technology equipment as surplus property. This will allow the school system to advertise the property for sale and accept sealed bids for purchase.

Upon request and a recommendation from Ingram, the board also voted to transfer two of the old spare buses to the Department of Correction's Elba Work Release Center in return for supervised inmate work.

Since the school system recently purchased two new buses, Ingram said the two spares were no longer needed. By either selling them or transferring them to the work release, Ingram said the school system could save money by no longer having to keep them insured.

In regards to the trade, she said she believes the work provided by inmates on various jobs will be worth more to the system in dollar value than selling the buses as surplus property.

She did stress, however, that the inmate work will be provided at times when the students are not at school, and the inmates will be closely supervised.



ELBA'S MEDICAL INDUSTRY GROWS...The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home officially welcomed Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, MD, and his staff to Elba Sunday, Nov. 2, during a reception honoring the opening of his new practice. Dr. Lawrence and his staff began seeing patients at his family medicine practice Friday, Sept. 5. His office is located at 980 Drayton Street across from the hospital and nursing home. Representatives from the Elba Chamber of Commerce were among those to welcome the doctor to Elba. A ribbon cutting ceremony began the Sunday afternoon reception, and those present were (from left): Mary McMillan, Destiny Hudson and her daughter Kate, Mary Gray, Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irwin, Hannah Lawrence, Elba City Councilman David Bandstra, Amanda Lawrence, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Diana Lawrence, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Kenneth Calhoun, Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, Denise Sauls, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Jeana Hudson, Jan Wicker, Ellen Briley, Doris Matthews, Jessica Folmar, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Beth Johnson, Herby McCall, Jimmy Harrison, Henrietta Grimes and Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS reach the second round Friday, Nov. 14, with the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Thibault. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. in Brantley.

A JOINT COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday evening, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church located on Highland Drive in Elba. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE TOWN OF NEW BRISTOLTON will hold its annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having an entry in the parade should contact the New Bristolton Town Hall at 894-5530.

THE CITY OF ELBA will hold its annual Christmas Parade on Sunday evening, Dec. 9. For more information or to submit an entry, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3123.